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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of a claim of the subject application, Attorney for Applicants hereby directs the Examiner's attention to references A-S listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Copies of the references are enclosed. Because of the length of references C and D (more than 300 pages each), Applicants only attach copies of relevant pages for each document.

The listed references are presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a) concerning the Examiner's duty to consider and use any such information. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the listed references of record in the file history of the application, and consider the information contained therein during the prosecution of this application.

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